

April 15, 2020

Good afternoon,

We hope this finds you well. These are certainly unprecedented times. We wanted to send you a note to update you and inform you of the work we are doing on behalf of the golf industry in Alberta.

We are all wondering when we will be able to open for the season.

While we were ordered closed by Dr. Deena Hinshaw late last week, we are optimistic that golf can be part of the solution to our current COVID 19, mental health, and economic crisis and provide a safe outlet for Albertans to get outside and enjoy themselves.

We are working to obtain a compliance exemption from the province based on the unique nature of the golf industry and strengthened by the thoughtful and thorough safety protocol we have established for golf courses to follow when they open.

We know that Golf is a unique sport; one that can be safely played while social distancing. That's why we took the time to create a thorough and thoughtful new set of guidelines for courses to implement when we get the green light.

You can read the complete protocol here: [NAGA-Alberta Golf Course Protocol](#)

We have been busy informing the public on the issue too. We have done countless media stories with the overwhelming theme being positive. GOLF CAN BE PART OF THE SOLUTION.

Here are just a few links to some of the stories we have had done:

[Calgary Sun, April 10](#)

[Global News, April 12](#)

[Globe & Mail April 14](#)

You may be aware there is a petition online calling on the government to grant the compliance exemption and allow courses to open. We did not start this petition, however it's clear that many Albertans are ready to golf with over 33,000 signatures already in just a few days.

You can find out more about this by going to the following link: [Change.org Petition](#)



We have scheduled a zoom call for this Friday for those of you wishing to participate. During this conference we will provide you with an 'in-person' update and you will have the opportunity to ask questions about the activities of NAGA-AB. In advance of these calls you may also send in any questions you would like answered. If you are available on Friday morning to join us for one of these updates, please select and follow one of the pre-registration links below.

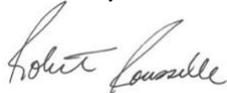
[Friday Apr 17, 2020 10:00 AM](#) OR [Friday Apr 17, 2020 11:00 AM](#)

We know you are anxious to get the go ahead, and we are too. We are respecting the province's position as they work to find the right balance between protecting Albertans from COVID-19 and allowing them to live their lives and seek some normalcy during this period.

Should you have any questions, comments, or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out. You can send a message to anyone below and we will get back to you right away.

We are working on your behalf and will continue to be a strong voice as we work for a compliance exemption so we can all get out on the course safely, playing the game we love.

Sincerely,



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